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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

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**BRASS KNOB MISSION 3512**  
**24 MARCH 1963**



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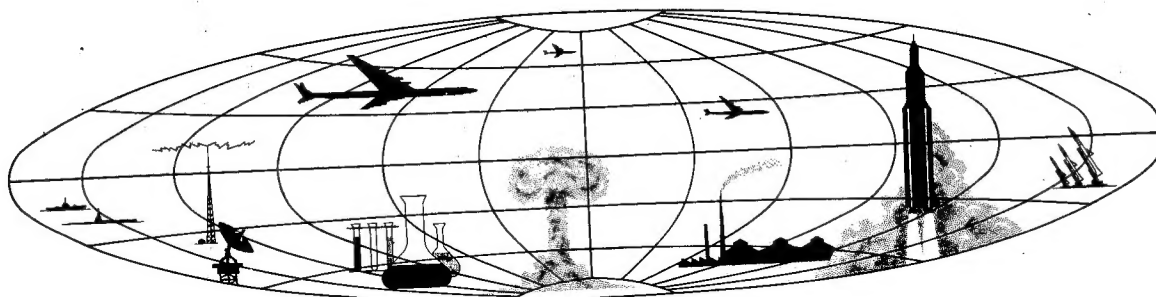


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3512, DATED 24 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N 08355W

SITE APPEARS OCCUPIED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

 25X1D

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2205N 08409W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 3 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREAS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

 25X1D

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

SIX LAUNCHERS, APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES IN SUPPORT AREA, 2 POSSIBLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

 25X1D

25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

THE 6 LAUNCH REVETMENTS APPEAR EMPTY.  
HAZE AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE 2202N 08024W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND A  
CANVAS-COVERED OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS WITH MISSILES,  
ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD  
POSITION, AND A REVETTED OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE 2147N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED UNRETTED LAUNCHERS,  
7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN  
OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND ONE  
CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHER VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

SITE CONTAINS 46 CRUISE-MISSILE TYPE CRATES, 12  
CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND 150  
VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

NO AIRCRAFT VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

SIGUANEIA AIRFIELD 2138N 08257W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT.

25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- APPROXIMATELY 35 FISHBED, 2 T-6,  
APPROXIMATELY 20 FAGOT/FRESCO, 11 B-26, AND ONE  
LIAISON-TYPE OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD 2206N 08409W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

NO AIRCRAFT VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 8 COLT, 5 LIAISON/TRAINER-TYPE,  
AND ONE PBV VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.  
SIXTY VEHICLES REMAIN AT EAST END OF RUNWAY.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 57 HOUND (8 WITHOUT ROTORS),  
5 HARE, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS, AND ONE CAB.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 COLT.

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-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PC, AND ONE PF.

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PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED  
IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

25X1D VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE APPEARS TO BE THE  
[REDACTED] WITH HATCHES CLOSED AND 2  
LIGHTERS AND 2 TUGS ALONGSIDE), 3 PT, AND 2 PC.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS (THE KARACHAEVO  
CHERKESSIYA-TYPE NOT OBSERVED).  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

VESSELS -- ONE TANKER AND 2 FREIGHTERS (ONE LGOV-CLASS  
WITH HATCHES CLOSED).  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS ANCHORED 5 NM SSW OF  
PORT.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE FREIGHTERS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE KRASNOGRAD-CLASS  
FREIGHTER AT NEW WHARF WITH HATCHES CLOSED).  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 9 LARGE FREIGHTERS (INCLUDING THE  
[REDACTED] AND 7 COASTAL FREIGHTERS VISIBLE  
IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- ATKARSK-CLASS FREIGHTER ANCHORED IN THE  
EASTERN PART OF THE PORT AREA. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1A

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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APPROXIMATELY 26 VEHICLES/VANS OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

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PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

APPROXIMATELY 55 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT  
OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

APPROXIMATELY 23 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE  
AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF  
VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

MAIN CAMP -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 57 VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
SECOND AREA -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

APPROXIMATELY 30 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 12 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 8 VEHICLES.

AREA 2 -- 4 VEHICLES.

AREA 3 -- 18 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY  
15 VEHICLES.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1	2240N 08317W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W
SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2309N 08156W
LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2156N 08019W
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE	2252N 08233W
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1	2121N 07750W
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2255N 08210W
MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08217W
LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08213W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH	2202N 08036W
ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH	2202N 08025W
SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2303N 08218W

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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES	2256N 08223W
LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION	2208N 08004W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

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MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA	2304N 08133W
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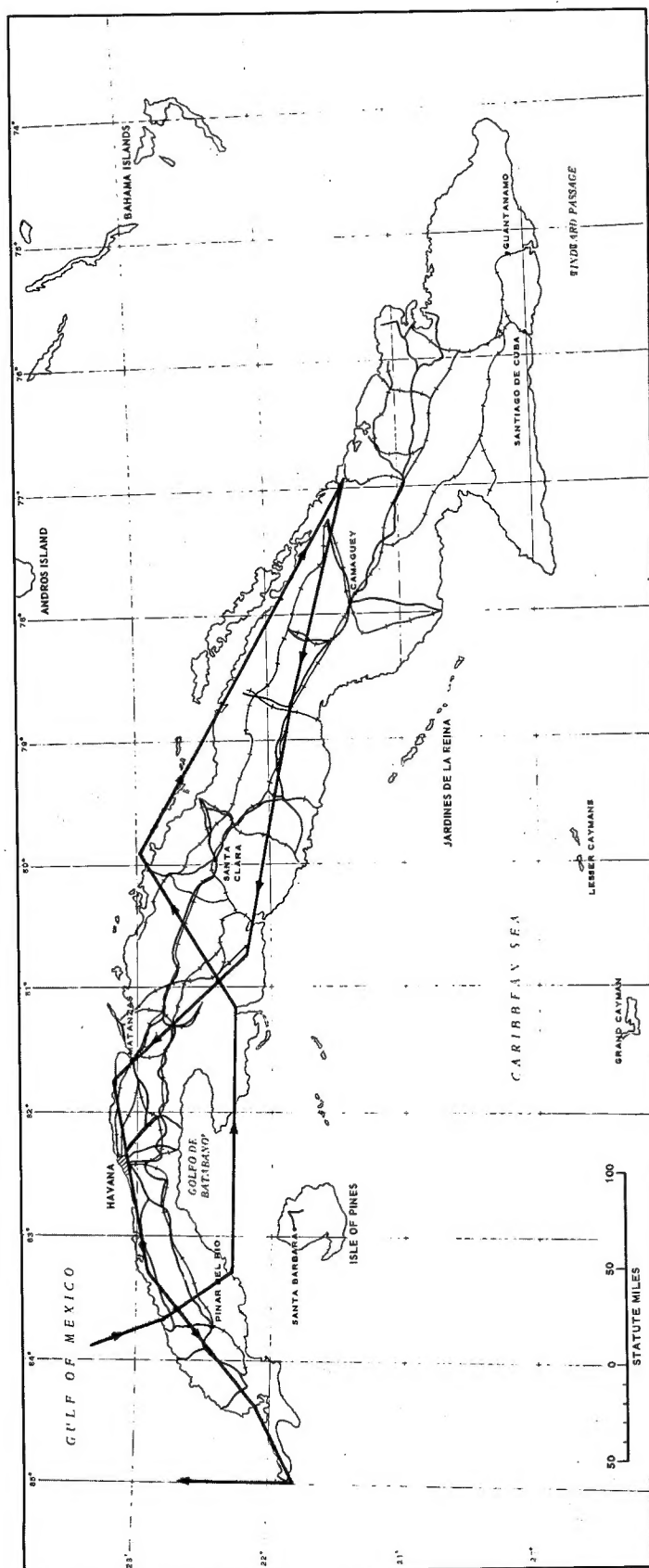
THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE	2228N 07929W
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2257N 08221W
PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2221N 08339W
CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE	2122N 07750W
CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD	2307N 08117W
LA COLOMA PORT	2214N 08334W
ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP	2251N 08248W
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08220W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
MADRUGA, POL STORAGE	2256N 08149W
CASCAJAL, MILITARY AREA	2240N 08031W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION	2224N 07953W

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